LONG SHOTS AT BENNING TRACK

Some of the Winning Bets That Have Been Made by Washington People.

"Them hundred t' one kazuzzes what win don't git nobody nothin'," erroneously averred a Benning railbird on the day that Bettie Landon, with the century price against her, sneaked up behind the odds-on favorite, that good colt Al Powell-ridden by a dreaming boy-and purfoined the race on the wire by a nod.

The railbird probably meant that the socalled wise or educated money doesn't go down on those long-priced tricks. It is entirely true that, as a general rule, only the novices at the pony-playing game take a chance with those write-your-own ticket propositions. The man who has been toying with the heart-breaking old game for a long time gradually develops atrophy of the nerve. He can't "see" anything in a race that the dope-sheets fail to fore-shadow. The inveterate race player finds it excruciatingly difficult to take a chance even on a second choice. No matter how many long shots "get over" in the progress of a meeting, he is bound to call the winning long-priced things mere flukes. Almost every race-player starts out his turfgambling career by taking frequent cracks at the long shots. He hasn't learned to dope them out himself according to a handlcapping system of his own devising, and he shoots at the moon-occasionally hitting it, by the way. Also by the way, the man just beginning his horse-betting career who early in his experience man-ages to put one of those long-priced things over is just about hopelessly lost. The game looks too good to be true to him. And years and years of steady walloping fall to efface the gleeful impression of that

first long-shot win.
The second stage of the race-player is that in which he begins to pick short-priced horses—second and third and fourth choices-to beat the favorite. This scheme wears out on him in time, too, and so, after the race-playing habit has become eternally fixed upon him, he finally reaches the inevitable stage of most of the "regu-lars," and "falls for" one favorite after the other. His nerve becomes dried up and his backbone ossilles under long steges of pounding, and he struggles pantingly after the short-priced, odds-on thing, ducking the long-priced propositions as a plains cayuse dodges prairie dog holes.

Backed Bettie Laudon.

All of this isn't saying, however, that when the long shots win nobody profits. Rarely or never does a whole ringful of bookmakers have absolutely "clean" sheets when one of these watermelonish long ones gets by. Several of the Benning bookmakers had to pay out on that same Bettle Landon 100-to-1 thing a good deal more money than they took in on the event. I know four Washingtonians-two of whom had never visited a race track before in their lives—who had their lonesome little a peculiarly hardy individual from Lees-burg, Va., named Grubb basted Bookmaker Knight for \$1,000 on that win—which really was a fluke-by getting a \$10 note on it

Even when horses win at much greater grinning chaps around the ring who've "natled it." I once saw a horse win at 5(8) to 1, and a careful count of the ring showed that no less than twenty-seven sopassed into the possession of a Washington man. Shieldbearer's win at the tremendous odds occurred at the old Fair Grounds track in St. Louis nine years ago. Shieldbearer was a horse afflicted with the chronic slows when asked to race on a fast track, but he could do a lot of things to his own kind on a sloppy track. On this day the track was lightning fast up to the time the field went to the post. But a lot of crafty "pikers" noticed that a heavy rainstorm was gathering in the sky back of the stand, and they took a chance at Shielbearer at 500 to 1 on the wistful hope that the storm would break before the race and make the track sloppy. Their dope worked out just right. It wasn't a rainstorm that broke just in the nick of time, as the field paraded to the post. It was a cloudburst. The heavens just opened like a trap in the bottom of a swimming

to-1 price against Captain Gaston in costly disregard of the fact that Captain Gaston, on his last out in the west, had run a bang-te second to so good a profession by the 200 to 1 on tap against Captain Gaston. The infection spread all over the big ring, so that at post-time Captain Gaston was chalked at 10 to 1, and few of the layers wanted to take any money even at those edds. Captain Gaston won only by about six lengths, that's all. The people behind the horse cleaned up \$20,000 on the trick in the pool rooms throughout the country. There was a lot of talk among the vociferously kicking bookmakers after the race to the effect that Captain Gaston was a ringer, but that yelp didn't go. Captain Gaston wisn't any ringer, and he was promptly identified by scores of western horsemen. The horse raced successfully after that at the New Orleans and other tracks.

But there isn't any necessity to get away from Washington to recall all kinds of long shots that have won and thereby enabled the casuals and so-called pikers to clean up tidily.

Fell Dead With a Winning Ticket. About eight years ago a colt beautifully name Passe Partout (out of the dam Everywhere), belonging to the Morrises, got the coin at Benning with as good as 100 to 1 scrawled against his chance, and slews and slathers and oddles of Washington players were discussing recently the many and slathers and oddles of Washington casuals, new to the game, had their little \$1 bills down on the thing, chiefly because they liked the colt's pat name. The colt's win however, was the occasion of a shadow falling on the betting ring that was not lifted for the remainder of the afternoon. A man dropped dead in the ring in his excitement over winning on the good thing. He was a middle-aged and prosperous-looking man from a western city, and he had "gone to" Passe Partout with a \$20 note on pure hunch. He was standing in line waiting for his chance to collect when he fell backward, as dead as a door-nail, from

better prospects. He did not jump, our simply ignored the reserve clause, which fell backward, as dead as a door-nail, from heart disease. The bookmaker who had been caught for the \$2,000—I believe it was George Rose—established the dead man's identity and forwarded the \$2,000 to his people in the west.

Foor little old Honey Boy, the over-raced son of his "Iron Horse" sire. Blitzen, memorable for his career at the "Gut," took down a race at Benning in his two-year-old form for "Pa" Bradley, with 100 to in the chalk, and a whole lot of hopeful folks rooting him home. A local photographer had distributed four \$10 bills on the willing baby of a horse, that afterward won so many races for Bradley, even unto going successfully over the sticks for him, came rollicking down the stretch about five lengths in front of the staggering field, the photographer convulsed the folks watching him by solemnly removing his new derby from his head, placing it on the grass with the greatest Imaginable deliberation, and then jumping on it with all his might and main. Campbell Carrington, too, was accused of having bet \$20 on Boney Boy, straight, nor did he ever deny the soft impeachment.

Most Washington racegoers, except the

impeachment.

Most Washington racegoers, except the very new ones, will remember the day, a track this summer.

few years ago, when Tommy Foster "copped" at Benning with as good as 200 to 1 against his chance. Plenty of the good holiday-making folk of this town got a piece of that figure. The "pick" editor good holiday-making folk of this town got a piece of that figure. The "pick" editor of a New York turf paper happened to give, by some miracle, all of the six winners that day in his "selections," and among them was Tomm's Foster, to nail the very first race of the day. A considerable number of occasional track visitors cut this man's "picks" out of the turf paper before going to the track and they stuck to them throughout, to their own amazing profit and the complete discomfiture of the profit and the complete discomfiture of the layers who took their bets. The bookies laid the big price against Tommy Foster, who wasn't such a bad son of Fonso at that, because the horse had been running around the bush meetings of Georgia and was therefore deemed a numbering not was therefore deemed a punkerino not worth considering. But Tommy Foster's people had a razor edge on him and they managed to conceal the fact from the book-makers' clockers that the horse was tuned up to concert pitch. Tommy Foster, rid-den by "Cash" Sloan that day, was of course considerably helped in the race on account of the fact that the overwhelming favorite, a sulky brute named True Blue, was left flatfooted at the post, but there were plenty of expert judges who declared after the race that Tommy Foster would nably have beaten True Blue even had the latter got away.

An Entertaining Incident.

An entertaining incident in connection with Tommy Foster's victory occurred in the grand stand. A Baltimore girl who had come over on the Baltimore race train with her young man friend liked the looks of Tommy Foster-who was an exceedingly handsome horse, like all the Fonsos-as he warmed up, and she gave her young man a \$10 note and told him to "bet it for her" on Tommy Foster. The young man went obediently to the betting ring and got the \$10 down at the juicy odds of \$150 to 1. When he got back to the stand the young woman asked him for "her change."
"What change?" her young man asked

her, innocently.
"Why, my \$9 change," exclaimed the young woman, an expression of alarm ap-pearing on her features. "I wonder what the girl's talking about," muttered the young man, looking puzzled.

"She gives me a \$10 note to bet on a horse and then when I do it and come back she asks me for \$0 change. What's the answer? Let me in on the joke." The young woman looked stupefied with mingled wrath and astonishment.

"Why," she gasped, "I distinctly told you to bet \$1 on Tommy Fester. You know I did. I said it just like that—Bet \$1 out of this for me on Tommy Foster—deed I did. You're a mean, horrid thing, and it's the last time I'il ever come to a race track with last time I'il ever come to a race track with you again if I live to be a thousand years old—the idea! You know I never would bet \$10 on a horse race," and large globules of the damp stuff began to dreen from the corners of her pretty eyes.

'Oh, shucks, I misunderstood you, that's all," said the young man, humbly. "Nothing to cry over. Here, I'll give you \$0 and take that much of your bet myseif," and he dug into his dungarees and began to strip off \$1 bills.

strip off \$1 bills.
"They're off!" bawled the crowd. Ten seconds later the big cry was, "Why, look at that Tommy Foster way out in front and only breezing-only romping-look at him!"

"Mercy on us," exclaimed the girl to her young man, "is that right what they are saying—is that really Tommy Foster away 'Yep," replied the young man, hurriedly.

"Well, I—just—guess—you—won't—do—anything—of—the—kind," flatly replied the young woman, drawing her hands away as he tried to press the mine \$1 bills upon her. "You made the mistake and bet the whole of my \$10 on Tommy Foster, and now I'm going to abide by it, 'deed I am! Yonder he comes! Oh, you Tommy-boy, their last set. The Interiors evidently felt the strain and dropped two games."

easily, and the young woman who'd been angrily berating her young man only a minute before, and demanding her \$9 change, promptly keeled over in her eestacy over winning \$1,500, and had to be taken to the ladies' dressing room. She revived very called "pikers" had caught the amazing good thing for bets ranging from \$1 to \$10. The 500-to-1 winner was the old mudder out of the Benning gate, dragging her Shieldbearer, which later on in his career young man with her, without staying to watch even one more race, was hugely amusing to the observant crowd. Many a casual racegoer got his season-

for third highest individual game at 256.

Ingainst him a few years ago at Benning. Gwynne was another one of those fiddlercrab horses that couldn't "walk" on a fast track, but that could make almost any man's horse humo himself when the going Bowsher wins the prize for "clean" sets, man's horse hump himself when the going was deep and holding, and that's the kind of traveling Gwynne found for his web feet the day he came home all alone.

Waddell's Win Last Spring.

There was as good as 100 to 1 on tap against "Pa" Bradley's queer old climber, Waddell II, last spring, when that horse

time, as the heid paraded to the post. It was a cloudburst. The heavens just opened like a trap in the bottom of a swimming pool. The track was knee deep in slop inside of half a minute. And old Shieldbearer came home all by himself. The piker who bet the noted bookmaker, Barney Schrieber, \$10 straight on Shieldbearer at 500 to 1 planted a canker of lifelong sorrow in liarney's sensitive midriff. Barney is a very rich man, but he laments over that awful experience yet.

At Sheepshead Bay, five or six years ago, I saw a horse get the money in a maiden ace that had been played down from 300 to to 10 to I at post-time, and it was all done by the money of the piking \$1, \$2 and \$5 bettors, too. The horse's name was Captain Gaston, a western animal. With their customery scorn of western horses, the New York bookles had hald the centemptuous 300-to-1 price against Captain Gaston in costly disregard of the fact that Captain Gaston in his last out in the west, had run a bangdisregard of the fact that Captain Gaston, on his last out in the west, had run a bangup second to so good a sprinter in his day as Frank Bell. The bookmakers installed a bluffing plug named Knight Templar the favorite in this race at the silly figure of 6 to 5. The big bettors playing strictly New York form took that one, but the pikers, especially the thumbers of the past performance sheets in the cheap field, ate up the 300 to 1 on tap against Captain Gaston. The infection spread all over the big ring so that at post-time Captain Gaston was chalked at 10 to 1, and few of the layers wanted to take any money even at those edds. Captain Gaston was edded ifferent out of the car window today!"

All rot about nobody getting down on All rot about nobody getting down on those long-priced things. Way, the very writer hereof himself once had all of \$12 down, straight, on a 150 to 1 shot that wen by as far as from the front door of The Star building to the front door of the Post Office Department, and it was then that he first apprehended the true meaning of the expression about "the world swimming in Br

Ye-eh. Fine! But the 150 to 1 thing that the present writer had the twelve iron bucks on was disqualified for being short

HARVEST TIME FOR THE BASE BALL PLAYERS

CLEYELAND, Ohlo, April 14.—Cleveland offers they received when the base ball war was in full sway and the places to which they could have gone had they so desired. Elmer Flick received something like \$1,000 for his first season with Philadelphia in the National League, and so when he was given a chance to shake that company he did not hesitate long before deciding to cast his lot with the American League at an increased salary and much better prospects. He did not jump, but simply ignored the reserve clause, which is supposed to be contained in every base ball contract signed these days in the major



A VIEW OF THE GRAND STAND AT BENNING.

INTERIORS AGAIN-ARE CHAMPIONS SUNDAY SCHOOL AND

Interesting Close of the Departmental Bowling League

Season.

The Interiors have won the championship of the Departmental Bowling League on merit, pulling together steadily with the same team that landed the plum two years ago.

Lemmon's apparently safe lead for the individual leadership was threatened by O'Donnell, but Charlie kept going to the finish and won out with a point to spare. He also lands the prizes for highest average of strikes, with 3.8, and highest average of strikes and spares, 8.3.

O'Donnell wins second place prize in the individual standing, the prize for highest single game, with 266; prize for highest set, 695, and prize for leading his team. He "Here's your \$9 and I'll take the rest of also wins the prize for second highest average of strikes, 3.7, and second highest

Tommy-boy came on, all right, winning each to the Bureaus and Commissioners,

Gorman has highest average of spares, amusing to the observant crowd.

Many a casual racegoer got his seasonable outfit of clothes, too, when Gwynne, completely disdained by all of the big betters, greased home with as good as 100 to 1 Bowsher wins the prize for "clean" sets, being the only bowler to make thirty boxes without a break.
Following are the official statistics covering all games, compiled by H. L. De Yo, of-Agates

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j	Lemmon	81	15,330	312	361	258	644	189.21	18
d	O'Donnell	78	14,686	295	345	266	695	188.22	19
j	Hoffman	78	14,472	278	351	249	638	185.42	20
i	Brosnan	78	14,377	287	352	233	607	184.25	1
i	Durand	62	11.413	231	277	233	637	184.5	
j	Crist		14,104	264	351	235	635	183.13	M
ı	Lord	69	12,589	235	327	236	610	182.31	14
i	Bunn		11,446	202	303	235	195	181.43	
i	Miller		13,971	269	391	256	624	181.34	
ı	Gorman		14,636	242	414	245	633	180.58	
j	Walah		9,215	165	239	235	6:9	180.35	
i	Garrett	72	12,980	230	324	236	605	180.20	
ĺ	Helmerichs	81	14.597	262	368	246	614	180.17	
ĺ	Cooper	69	12,379	239	318	233	594	179.28	Sp
ı		75		254	324	234	605	178.63	
į	Meyers		13,413			234		178.61	1000
j	Ward		12,877	229	352	221	583	171.45	14
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j	Parker	72	12,777	250	300	243	664		1000
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į	Bishop		10,070	190	228	230	597	176.38	m
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Less Than Forty-Eight Games.

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d	Bowsher	39	7,351	125	206	234	670	188.19
3	Jarvis	36	6,463	138	134	234	650	174.64
3	Plutch		2.669	53	60	292	203	177.14
9	Ray	15	2,645	44	773	213	589	176.5
	Carey		4.702	94	106	222	€58	174.4
	Yates	9	1,565	25	43	214	592	173.8
3	Carlson	33	5.736	103	150	201	563	173.27
	Cross	24	4.153	71	103	234	618	173.1
	Bisselle	17	2.932	29	94	215	569	172.8
8	McCarthy	43	7,705	115	222	229	560	171.10
3	Fritz	46	7,878	137	200	254	554	171.12
9	Evans	39	6,650	121	168	229	590	170.20
8	Elliott	15	2,527	46	61	196	524	168.7
9	Splann	10	1.686	35	33	214	530	168.6
	Talbert	36	6,049	97	168	200	547	168.1
	Allen	9	1,510	24	41	195	530	167.7
8	Powers	6	1,003	24	19	193	503	167.1
9	McLennan	45	7,496	124	198	215	563	166.26
g	Riffel	24	3.973	76	94	182	531	165.13
ij	O'Donnell	46	7,582	133	186	238	626	164.38
3	Conden	42	6.917	111	175	202	566	164.29
5	Lee	20	3,285	56	80	221	548	164.5
8	Kreuger	15	2,453	43	64	176	520	163.8
8	l'owle	9	1,482	28	31	195	498	163.6
9	Morris	29	4,726	69	132	194	536	163
9	Frederichs	25	4,037	69	98	209	530	162.6
ä	Long	3	487	11	7	186	487	162.1
3	Rice	13	2,094	31	61	20t	514	161.1
8	Dwyer		2,888	50	64	235	580	160.8
8	Livingston	11	1.761	29	46	196	512	160
ē	Essex	16	2.539	42	60	194	517	158.11
8	Jenes	35	5,511	95	136	198	526	157.16
8	O'Connell	12	1.886	31	48	206	512	157.2
g	Hunt	3	472	9	11	192	472	157.1
ı	Drake	28	4,029	67	98	210	543	154.25
8	Couroy		2,312	41	51	104	501	153.5
3	Clark	3	455	8	12	161	455	151.2
e	Peters	6	805	14	25	181	471	150.5
8	Van Buren		1,036	19	15	160	450	148.3
£	McKnew	7	1,036	18	21	188	477	148
ĸ	Myers	1	149	2	4	148	inn	148
E	Weckerly	13	1,897	26	50	168	493	145.12
B	Wood	8	875	15	16	174	456	145.5
5	Urban	8	487	8	10	151	437	145.2
þ	Buell	3	433	8	.7	176	433	144.1
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CHURCH LEAGUE BOWLERS Friday night on the Y. M. C. A. alleys was

witnessed an exciting contest between the powlers of the Union M. E. team of the Sunday School League and the Sixth Presbyterian team of the Interdenominational Church League, Union won out, taking the first and last games by small margins, while in the sec-ond game the Sixth had an easy time of it.

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Union M. E	First.	Second	Third.	Totals.
Caldwell	152	128	168	448
G. Elker	141	158	164	463
Goodman	151	189.	174	514
Beckett	161	154	147	462
Hilton (Capt.)	188	137	185	510
	793	766	838	2,397
Sixth Presbyteria	n			
Campbell	168	207	194	569
Waltz	141	174	146	461
Fish (Capt.)		153	164	438
McSennan	160	166	173	499
Fields	189	191	161	541

STAR DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Since the last publication of the averages of The Evening Star Duckpin League the Minions have continued their good consistent bowling, and again lead the league in total pins, but not in percentage, as the Nonparells are tied with them. The teams of this league have been putting up a hard fight throughout the season, and as they have only about eight more games to play it is impossible to predict which will land the championship. From the present outlook it seems, though, the fight will be between the two leading teams, but others who are also tied for the third position

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	3—Collier	36	3,177	88.9
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5	6-Fowler	30	3,089	85.29
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ō	8-Walker	- 60	2,803	84.31
8		10	2,532	84.12
8		1.5	1,523	84.11
2	11-Murray	36	2.019	84.3
5	12—Dawson	24	3,003	83.15
4	13-Wirsing	30	2,004	83.12
	14 Ferguson	36	3.194 2.887	81.35
	15-McCarty	39	3,106	80.7
ri.	16-Field	20	2,802	79.25
	17-Ellett	35	2,756	79.18
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	19-Williams	33	2,570	78.9
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UTUAL POOLS UNDER

ecial Dispatch to The Star.

-Just now each of the three racing coles in South Africa is trying to make up mind as to whether it shall allow bookmakers on its course or only permit the totalister. It must be understood that each colony races under its own rules in such affairs as this, though there is reciprocity in other matters. The totalister may be in theory the fairest form of betting that could be devised, but out here it is most distinctly unpopular with owners.

a guarantee, and in Johannesburg he has to pay \$50 a day for his license.

Owners do not like the totalister, because they complain they cannot get any "price," and the public do not like it because the absence of bookmakers' cries does away the complaint they are the same the same and makes the same and makes the same the same and makes the same and same with all excitement and makes things des-

WILL TEST FOOT BALL UNDER NEW RULES

Special Dispatch to The Star. NEW YORK, April 14.-New York Uni-

NEW YORK, April 14.—New York University is to play foot ball this fail, the announcement to that effect having been made this week by Chancellor MacCracken. The game is on trial under the new rules, however, for the permission is for one year old, and two games have already been sanctioned. It is expected that rules of eligibility will be made which will forbid freshmen and graduates playing, but this decision is not officially announced.

Spring foot ball practice is likely to be more popular at some universities this

THE DOG SHOWS

Number Has Grown From 19 in 1899 to 42 in the Past Year.

BY JAMES WATSON

With the Atlantic City Kennel Club show added to the list of past events the circuit which began in New York in February came to a close, and even with the loss of a Chicago show this year the general results have demonstrated a healthy increase of interest in the erratic game of dog showing. Chleago should be able to support a good show, but in recent years there has been a lack of judicious management, failure to secure the on May 24 and 25 at Mineola, the dates right kind of publicity and a very unhappy faculty of antagonizing the daily press, with the natural result that notices of the show have not been of that attractive character which leads to a good attendance. A small show was held at Milwaukee, but that has been the only one in the west this year, for Detroit is hardly included in the west now-

It is very doubtful whether any person outside of the officials of the American der American Kennel Club rules, while during the past year the total was forty-two scored by wins in winners' classes, for last | THE GRAND OLD MAN year in addition to the five points which San Francisco yields, there were four shows of the three points grade, three two-pointers and only one fell to one point, that at Spokane, which is an out-of-the-way place or all but local dogs.
These Pacific coast shows all come under

he "ribbon show" classification, a term used to distinguish them from shows which which would not be self-supporting if money prizes had to be pald. These ribbon shows were at first laughed at as being something like playing at dog shows, the playing at dog shows, the playing at dog shows, the limitation prize dogs. This idea was ably supported by the professional handlers, who found small remuneration coming to them in comparison with their excessive tariff for the money shows. There never was any fror the money shows. There never was any truth in that, for the shows were always of high grade and at once became popular on account of their being mainly one day fixing or dogs and be back for business after being away for but one day. As these shows are mainly Saturday or holiday events this slipping away from the office for a day is not always necessary.

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Lague base ball in the country. He is the grand old man of base ball and he wears his laurels modestly and well. But, though he is within seven years of having reached the alloted time of man upon earth, he is not playing upon the strength of his reputation, but upon real merit of present performances.

James O'Rourke is the owner and manager of the Bridgeport base ball club of the Connecticut League, and each day that his club plays around the circuit, which takes in Springfield and Holyoke, Mass., and Hartford, Meriden, New Haven, New London, Norwich and Bridgeport. Conn., he may be seen wearing a gray uniform with "Bridgeport" across the breast warming up with "his boys," as he is pleased to call the players who make up his club.

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Then there is the item of expense. A to pay a parlor car seat fare to get that, so with tips it means \$2 more to land him in New York well fed. That is a total of \$10, and anything spent outside of that would also be spent at home. Take the other side, that of a money show at Philadelphia. Entry for two dogs, \$10. Expressing is necessary, as the owner cannot stay for four days to bring them home; that may be put at from \$2 to \$4. His own raliway fare, \$4. The breed may not be judged for two days, and if he spends less than \$5 aday he is doing well. If the dogs are very valable he probably gets some one to keep an eye on them when he leaves for home, and the result is that when he figures up his expenses he finds he is out \$30 and may have won \$20 if especially fortunate; the probability is that he may have won \$5 or \$10, possibly nothing.

If a professional handler has had the dogs, the terms may have been \$10 for each dog and all expenses paid, or, with expenses paid, the handler to get all the prize money, but that is only when the dogs are pretty sure winners. It is very easy to see why these one-day shows are popular, even if no cash prizes are given, your oldtime ballplaying colleagues have

easy to see why these one-day shows are popular, even if no cash prizes are given, and that they are not graded low is easy of proof. The same scoring by points, according to the number of dogs entered, applies to them as to the money shows. A total of 49 points was scorable at 24 money shows, and at 18 ribbon shows 37 points were to be had, in each case an average of 2 with one show to spare. But when we consider that 3 of the money shows scored 13 of the total of 49 points, and that the remaining 21 shows had but 36 points, it will be seen that the ribbon shows averaged much better, the figures on 21 money shows being 10 1-point, 7 2-point and 4 3-point shows, while in the ribbon shows there were but 4 1-point, U 2-point and 5 3-point in the total of 18 shows.

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Eventually we may look to some of these ribbon shows becoming money fixtures, for and the amount of local interest worked up by the local competition at the low fee. Wissahickon, for instance, had 644 dogs at its last year's show a total of the charged with the local competition at the low fee. their support will be large enough to yield Hudson river town in the future. The oarsmore popular at some universities this year, owing to the changes made in the rules. Frinceton and Pennsylvania having already begun. Fifteen candidates were out this week at Princeton and little more out this week at Princeton and little more than tossing the ball was indulged in. The men were lined up in two columns ten yards apart and passed the ball for some time. The call for candidates announced that work this spring would be more strentiate which gave \$20,600 in prize money between them. The aggregate for the ribbon shows of the New England states, mainly Massathat work this spring would be more strentiate. The call for candidates announced that work this spring would be more strentiated as freshmen are barred from next fall's team. An alumnus of the university has presented loving cups for the best punter and drop kicker.

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CHICAGO, April 14.—Tom Sharkey has thrown down the gauntiet to John J. Rooney will take heed of Sharkey's challenge the next big wrestling show in this city is likely to have as its windup one of the more than the star of th

larger field generally than such places as Lynn, Lawrence or New Bedford. The lesson to be learned from the data thus set forth is that at places where a money show would not be remunerative, one-day Saturday fixtures held at enclosed places where there is stabling, such as at trotting tracks, or where a tent can be erected, or where shelter can be given the dogs in a grove, is the line along which progress can less be made at the least progress can best be made at the least probability of a ruinous loss, such as must have been entailed at some shows where as high as \$1,500 in prize money was offered and elicited an entry of only about 150 dogs. Only an aspirant to the state legislature could afford to back a show like that. The Pittsburg Show.

After many vicissitudes the Pittsburg show was held last week at the new building, the old city hall having been burned down and causing a change of program, after which came the sudden death of the secretary, Mr. F. G. Stedman. The entry was fairly good, but the show committee should have learned that the low average should have learned that the low average of four entries for 138 classes judged by Mr. Mortimer is a falling off from what they should have. Mr. Mortimer is the most popular judge we have, but there is a limit to the drawing power of the most popular one after he has been at four preceding shows. eding shows.

Then it comes down to the dogs exhibitors know he likes. He had a good entry in collies and pretty good in bulidogs, and taking those out of the remainder of his 120 classes averaged a little over three to the class. Quite a new man was gried for setters and pointers, Mr. F. G. Taylor of perfor merits of the big Frenchman. Philadelphia, and in his pointers and English setters he averaged 6½ for 18 classes. That is about what Mr. Mortimer can do when there is any uncertainty about what his dogs will be and how they will be placed, but when his opinions have been expressed several times in the ring then his entry drops down to those he likes. The committees and not Mr. Mortimer are to blame for such falling off in entries as are caused by too much repetition of even the most popular judge in the country. There was nothing sufficiently novel about

the judging to merit attention in a special manner. The pointer bitch Coronation, which was beaten at Detroit by Topsey S., was here placed ahead of the Ohio bitch. There was some sharp competition in Pomeranians, Mrs. Smyth of Germantown winning in the bitch classes with Lady Denby, a Pittsburg-bred one of high class. The best dog was Rederoft Darky, owned by Mrs. Macdonald of Toronto, whose hus-band is well known as the breeder and exhibitor of wire-haired fox-terriers, with the prefix Aldon. The Buffalo-owned Great Dane puppy Taurid vom Inn did even better than at his home show and won in all classes. This is said to be the most promising young Dane ever seen in this country. The "vom Inn" should be dropped.

It was all well enough when the great Sandor that came from Inn had the suffix, but dogs bred in New York state are not from the German town and might get a more appropriate name, such as Meteor of Buffalo for this son of Meteor von Inn. The Mineola Show.

The Ladies' Kennel Association of America will hold its annual summer show being changed, it is said, in order to get the opportunity of having Mr. George Raper judge while on his way home to England from San Francisco.

Some five years ago the kennel world was startled by the announcement that a young Bostonian had engaged George Thomas at a salary of \$5,000, house, coal, service, horse and buggy and kennel help all added. A grand new kennel was built and a contract was signed for five years. The contract was canceled tract was canceled a year later and a outside of the officials of the American Kennel Club, whose business it is to deal with statistics, has had any idea of the rapid increase in the number of dog shows during the past five years, or of their increased importance. To demonstrate the growth of the show cult we have the record for the year 1899 given in the American Kennel Gazette as nineteen shows held under American Kennel Club rules, while durterier breeder Mr. Francis Redmond.

OF THE NATIONAL GAME

Special Dispatch to The Star. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 14.-Sixtythree years old and still in the great national game, James H. O'Rourke of this city tive money prizes, and they have also been though the strength of material assistance to the increase of is the oldest living player of professional shows in the east by adding many fixtures which would not be self-supporting if money prizes had to be paid. These ribbon shows were at first laughed at as being

ball fans delight to call him, shines when Then there is the item of expense. A New Yorker enters two dogs, say at Wissahickon, that costs him a dollar a class, his fare to Philadelphia and back for self and dogs on chain adds \$5; lunch at the grounds, 75 cents, and as the liquid refreshment is soft stuff another 25 cents is about all he can spend at the grounds. Returning he has dinner in the dining room car and has to pay a parlor car seat fare to get that so JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, April to pay a parlor car seat fare to get that, so to steal there is no catcher in the Connec-

For over forty years "Jim" O'Rourke has played the national game, and naturally the question arises why this man has been able to hold his own in the game so long while others drop by the wayside long before they reach his age.

"Why is it, 'Jim,'" the writer asked him, "that you are still able to play the game as well as the youngsters, and so many of your oldtime ballplaying colleagues have dropped by the way?"

"Til tell you why." he answered, and he became desperately in earnest. "The reason is they did not live a clean life and I did. I never touched liquor in any form, nor did I ever use tobacce. I always took care of myself. That's the reason I am playing ball today, and that's the reason why I enjoy life. When I was a member of the big league teams I made big money, and I saved it. I did not sport it away as so many of the boys do, and then when their playing days are over have nothing to keep them from want." Dissatisfied With Poughkeepsie. NEW YORK, April 14.- There is consider-

able talk right now among those who are interested in the rowing races at Poughkeepsie as to the possibility of leaving the

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TOP-NOTCHERS IN BASE BALL

Relative Merits of Lajoie and Wagner Widely Discussed by the "Fans."

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CHICAGO, April 14.- Now that the base ball season is here, the old question as to who is the greatest base ball player will be revived. Volumes have been written on the relative merits of Lajole and Wagner, and more volumes will be written again this

Both players have strong adherents. To those who have never seen the men in action Lajote is the beau ideal player; but keen judges of the sport are openly divided as to the merits of the men.

A National Leaguer will tell you that Wagner is incomparably better than Lajoie, while a follower of the American

So far as batting ability is concerned there is little to choose between the men. Both are top-notchers in this respect. But when it comes to playing the field, running bases and usefulness, Wagner is

running bases and usefulness, Wagner is far superior to Lajole.

The big Frenchman is a great enough second baseman, but he is not in it with Wagner when it comes to running bases, and outside of playing second base Wagner is much better in any position than Lajole.

This statement may sound a bit peculiar to those who have made an idol of Lajole. Hans Wagner is undoubtedly one of the greatest players the game has ever known. He is a great batsman, an incomparable fielder or outfielder, and one of the best base runners the game has ever known; besides, he has a good whip, and can wing sides, he has a good whip, and can wing them around second to no man in the pro-

Lajoie's great natural grace is what makes him such a favorite. There is a touch of the artistic in everything that the Frenchman attempts. With Lajoie every move is a living picture. He is one of the Graces personified.

Wagner is an entirely different sort. The big Dutchman is a lumbering, awkward runner, batter and fielder, but he gets results, and that is what is wanted of a ball player, the same as of a man in any other calling. ther calling.

The only point that experts think Wagner is lacking is in gameness. But the experts are wrong in this surmise. Wagner has shown that he can play under difficulhas shown that he can play under difficulties as well as any man.

Another point in which Wagner excels
Lajole is that he is nearly always in the
game. Lajole, on the contrary, seldom goes
through a season without losing at least
a month's time. One season it is a bad
leg and another season it is another allment.

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AUTOMOBILING.

Since William K. Vanderbilt, jr., returned from Europe and let it be known that he is having a high-powered racing car built there has been an impression in many places that he will drive the car himself in the Vanderbilt race and try to win the trophy of which he is the donor. This is not to be expected, however. Mr. Vanderbilt will probably referee the race, as usual,

This, which was heard last week in a salesroom in the heart of Gotham's automo. bile district, has the merit of being graphic, even if the language does lack elegance. Said the elucidating salesman: "You see, score, taking the honor from Corwin, who having toppled the most pins, with 3,380. Cromwell also leads in strikes with 20, and Fowler, with 35, leads in spares. The Minions retain their high team score with 470. Following are the percentages:

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Tight the past year the total was forty-two shows held in 1890, only not see total was forty-two shows held in 1890, only one is recorded for the Pacific coast, that of San Francisco, while last year there also had made 125. Cromwell retains the lead in the individual averages with 93.3, with 3,380. The death is reported of the well-known while noting that now they need no longer be compelled to win at two successive San Francisco shows to get the title of champion by securing the coveted ten points,

THE CRAND OLD MAN

> New York's multi-millionaire organization, the Automobile Club of America, will not be homeless this summer, after all, pendbe homeless this summer, after all, pending the completion of the new clubhouse. Arrangements have been made whereby when the lease on the present quarters expires on May 1, the club will simply go up higher, removing its chattels to the top floor of the building it is in now, where it will have just as much space.

For those seeking to compare the essential features of 1906 cars, a lot of time and

region, and also on clutches that do not grip because of being oily or worn.

Carter Handicap Declarations. Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, April 14.-Sysonby and Delhi have both been declared from the Delhi have both been declared from the Carter handicap. The withdrawal of these two from the Keene nominations leaves only the three-year-old fillies Ballotta and Early and Often to carry the white and blue polka dots. There will be no Paget starter, Hamburg Belle, Calragorm and Tradition all having been declared. E. R. Thomas has declared Lady Amelia, leaving Hermis still an eligible. By the declaration Thomas has declared Lady Ameria, leaving Hermis still an eligible. By the declaration of Prince Hamburg, Harry Payne Whitney has Juggler left to carry his colors. August Belmont has taken out Blandy and Mount henry, leaving Lord of the Vale as his representative. Andrew Hiller, by the declarational tarks where the supply the declaration. resentative. Andrew Hiller, by the declaration of Merry Lark, pupts his dependence in
the three-year-old Bull's Eye. The other
declarations are Aaron J., Aeronaut, Disobedient, Spray, Sprankers, Aucassin, Israfel, Belle of Bequest and Inquisitor. The
Carter closed with sixty-five nominations,
and this list of declarations leaves fortyseven still eligible to race.

Nelson and Herrara Training. LOS ANGELES, April 14.-Battling Nelson and Aurelio Herrara are training hard for their coming fight. Nelson announced that he would train harder for this contest than any time since his bout with Jimmy Britt. Herrara believes that it will be necessary for him to train harder for Nelson than was the case when he fought Kid. than was the case when he fought Kid Herman, and consequently will eliminate some of the luxuries which he has indulged

in during previous preliminary work. Jeffries Waiting for Worthy Rival.

Special Dispatch to The Star. LOS ANGELES, April 14.-Jim Jeffries, heavyweight champion of the world, said this week in an interview that he had not this week in an interview that he had not voluntarily retired from the ring, but had been forced to retirement because there was no one in the world that the public thought had a chance to beat him. He also said that if the public found a heavyweight whom it believed had a chance with him he would come out of retirement and defend his tilte if sufficient financial inducements were offered.

Athletic Club Teams.

ments were offered.

The Eckington Athletic Club would like to arrange several games with teams averaging seventeen years of age. Address Manager Frank A. Murphy, 111 Seaton street northwest.